

Walking Code of Conduct

The following are a number of important points to remember when out walking. These Codes have been developed in association with the Irish Farmers Association.

1. Respect the people who live and work in the countryside.
2. Respect private property, farmland and all rural environments.
3. Do not interfere with livestock, machinery and crops.
4. Respect and, where possible protect all wildlife, plants and trees.
5. When walking, use the approved routes and keep as closely as possible to them.
6. Take special care when walking on country roads.
7. Leave all gates as you find them and do not interfere with or damage any gates, fences, walls or hedges.
8. Do not enter farmland if you have dogs with you, even on a leash, unless with the permission of the landowner.
9. Guard against all risks of fire, especially near forests.
10. Always keep children closely supervised while on a walk.
11. Do not walk the Ways in large groups and always maintain a low profile
12. Take all litter home - leaving only footprints behind.
13. Keep the number of cars used to the minimum and park carefully to avoid blocking farm gateways or narrow roads.
14. Minimise impact on fragile vegetation and soft ground
15. Take heed of warning signs-they are there for your protection.
16. Report any problems encountered along the route with markers, signage, stiles or any other comments to the responsible authority.